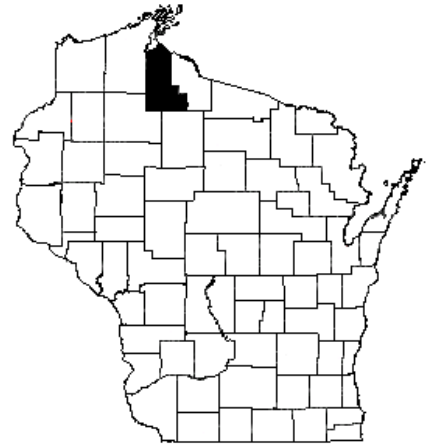




Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Ashland County



County characteristics

- 1,047 sq. mi.
- North 1/3 is part of Superior Coastal Plain which historically was almost entirely forested, but is now fragmented by agricultural use. South 2/3 is mostly mixed northern hardwoods forest and includes the Penokee-Gogebic iron range.
- Waters: Borders 1/3 of Wisconsin's portion of Lake Superior; 64 inland lakes; 300 miles of spring-fed trout streams
- Eighteen of the Apostle Islands are within county
- There are 16,979 residents living in Ashland County



Public Land Open to Hunting and Fishing

- 12,650 acres of State Land including wildlife and fisheries areas- These lands are operated with license dollars
- Chequamegon National Forest: 180,630 acres
- Ashland County Forest: 40,003 acres
- Apostle Islands National Land: 36,000

Locate DNR properties at:

http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html

DNR Staff serving you

- 1 Wildlife Biologist; ½ time Wildlife Technician, 3 Fisheries Biologists; 3 Fisheries Technicians; 1 Conservation Warden; Customer Service Representative
- Office, 2501 Golf Course Rd, Ashland, 54806
- Staff also serves Bayfield and Iron counties.

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Establish and maintain grassland and wetland habitat for waterfowl, sharp-tailed grouse, turkeys and other wildlife species.
- Monitoring of the Lake Superior commercial fishery and the fisheries of Chequamegon Bay.
- Routine fish assessments of inland lakes and streams
- Two lake aeration systems are operated for preventing winterkills.
- Numerous lake habitat improvement projects which included fish cribs.
- Provide enforcement coverage for all fish, game, environmental, and recreational activities in the County. Ashland Warden covers Chequamegon Bay area of Lake Superior as well as inland areas. Major violations addressed have included illegal poaching of fish and game, cabin shooting at night for deer and bear.

- Community Warden projects include annual Kids Fishing day on the Bay sponsored by the North Wisconsin Rod and Gun Club. Youth fall hunting field day sponsored by the ABC Sportsmen's Club. Programs with local schools and scouting groups.

Activities continued.....

- Monitor local wildlife populations of deer, bear, waterfowl, grouse, woodcock, mourning doves, frogs, timber wolves, furbearers, turkeys, elk, loons, eagles, osprey, trumpeter swans, pine martins, and common terns.
- Provide wildlife damage and nuisance abatement information; and monitor wildlife diseases including CWD and West Nile Virus.
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

Ashland County Conservation Snapshots

29 DNR boat launch sites, including 3 on Lake Superior



Fish Stocking Summary

- Thirteen inland lakes were stocked with 88,903 fish in 2004
- Lake Superior waters in Ashland County were stocked with 61,037 fish in 2004

County Success Stories

- Shooting Range on Hoffman Lake-Hay Creek Wildlife Management Area.
- Elk reintroduction in the Clam Lake area.
- Turkey introduction program.
- Wildlife habitat management on the Ashland County Forest.
- Wetland restoration and creation on private lands.
- Restoration of the common tern nesting island in Chequamegon Bay.
- Wildlife staff provides input on county forest plans and helps develop wildlife projects on the Ashland County Forest.

Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
 - Fish and wildlife stocking programs; Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management